

REMARKS

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

Formalities

Applicants appreciate the Examiner acknowledging receipt of certified translations of the priority documents (there are two priority documents) and initialed PTO/SB/08 filed February 22, 2005.

Detailed Action

The Examiner correctly characterizes the status of the applications and the status of the Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants address the rejections in the order posed.

35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 32-35, 38 and 39 are canceled, mooted the rejection.

35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 35-39

Applicants limit to a few classes of materials in claims 35-37 (claims 38 and 39 have been canceled).

Applicants believe that the classes which are now recited in claims 35, 36 and 37 are classes of agents which are well known by one of ordinary skill in the art as agents which can treat diabetes and the like.

It is believed that additional proofs on this point can be submitted if the Examiner wishes.

In that case, **the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned prior to issuing a further rejection.**

Withdrawal is requested.

Claims 16, 17 and 19-39

Of the claims which remain and are rejected “or a produg thereof” is canceled from the claims.

Withdrawal is requested.

Claims 22, 23, 25, 26, 29, 31, 32, 34, 36 and 38

Of the claims which remain and are rejected, “prevention or” is canceled from those claims.

Withdrawal is requested.

It is believed that Applicants have correctly responded to all rejections, thereby placing this application in condition for allowance.

Allowance is requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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